

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
I-10-98REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN WORK EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR KIDS (CalWORKs) PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER 96-09

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties that the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is amending its contract with the State Compensation Insurance Fund (SCIF) and the Department of General Services (DGS) regarding Workers' Compensation Insurance. The current contract provides Workers' Compensation Insurance for Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Preemployment Preparation and Alternate Work Experience participants. Coverage for GAIN participants will continue until January 1, 1999, by which time, all recipients will be phased out of GAIN.

The amended contract will reflect the new CalWORKs program features that become effective January 1, 1998, and will include coverage for individuals who participate in CalWORKs work experience and community service activities. However, as in the case of on-the-job training (OJT) participants under GAIN, counties should ensure that individuals whose CalWORKs welfare-to-work plan requires them to participate in unsubsidized or subsidized employment, including OJT and grant-based OJT, are provided Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage through their employer.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Milt Yee, Employment Programs Unit, at (916) 657-3399.

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